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HIRAM (HARRY) BINGHAM IV

Vice Consul at the U.S. Consulate in Marseilles from 1939 to 1941, Hiram (Harry) Bingham IV worked with Varian Fray, an American volunteer, and others to provide visas and travel documents to more than 2,500 Jews and political opponents of the Nazis who were attempting to escape from pro-Nazi Vichy France. In doing so, Bingham contradicted express orders from the U.S. State Department. Bingham was transferred to Portugal in 1941, possibly due to his work with Fry.

